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HELLO:

Spring is surely here in every way. Oh, yes, we had a frost this morning but that always goes with apple blossoms and lilacs here in New England. Johnny Kelly won the B.A.A. Marathon yesterday--The Red Sox have lost three games in a row and the Braves with Tobin managed to take one of their first three games from the Giants.

If you could see the lineup of some of these ball clubs you'd think something sure had happened. They look like a cross between a double-A Club and a top notch High School team with a few old timers tossed in. But that situation is very typical. Everyone seems to be making every effort to keep things going with what they have and to maintain a semblance of the whole set-up as you left it. They are working harder than ever to get out the materials you need. They grumble, as doubtless every G.I. does, about some of the inconveniences but they go steadily along on limited supplies of butter, meat, sugar, shoes and even cigarettes. They are all with you in this thing and are buckling their belts a little tighter for the effort to bring the war to a speedier close.

The death of Pres. Roosevelt was a terrible shock to the nation. Even the radio was "dead" for three days. All programs, as such were suspended and the time devoted to music and to special programs in tribute to Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Truman has taken over the reins with determination to carry out established policies and an all-out effort to bring the war to a speedy end. A consolidation of our home front organization--the post war planning that will guarantee to all of us better social and economic conditions---establishment of an international organization to insure your children that they will not have to fight again on foreign soil to defend the principles in which we believe.

"W H A T ' S T H E S C O R E"

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SPORTS

The West Bridgewater Bowling League has just concluded another season with its annual Banquet.

Some of you fellows out there might remember Ernie Holmgren who used to bowl with the Matfield team, and how he used to run away each year with all the prizes. Well, his kid brother 'Mike' has bowled in this league for the past two years, and believe me, he is just the same type bowler as his big brother. He topped the list this year with an average of 106 51/75. Ace Cheyunski gave him a run for his money, coming out at the end of the season with an average of 105 47/75.

'Ekky' Norris picked up the high single with 150, and Al Giovannini took the high three string prize with 356. Fred Chisholm just missed the 100 mark by 35 pins. The rest of the gang held on to their usual positions, with Peter Cook, as usual, in last place.

Milky Way won the first half without opposition, The second half brought out more competition, with Kirby's and the Outcasts fighting for top place right through the final night, with Kirbys coming out on top.

The roll-off between Milky Way and Kirbys proved a tough fight with Milky Way taking the championship. Members of the Milky Way team are Gus Nelson, Non Cheyunski, George Bennett, Ray Millard, Russ Robery Ace Cheyunski.

The banquet was held at the P.A. hall with Charlie Bassett serving one of his famous turkey dinners. After each member had eaten his fill, a short business meeting was held. Fred Chisholm, after a year on the side-lines, was returned as president. The other officers were retained.

The evening ended with an entertainment, during which each member and guest enjoyed himself to the utmost of his ability.

On April 4, the girls' basketball teams and Coach Dwyer topped off a successful season with dinner at the Fox and Hounds in Whitman.

The Howard High Hoopsters had a fairly successful season, splitting even in the regular campaign and winning their first game in the South Shore Tournament. However, they were nosed out by 4 points by Dartmouth High in

ie second game, ending a 5 game win streak in which the boys rolle[illegible], l average of 40 points per game for a total of 200 points against their ponents' 117 points, an average of only 23 points per game. The win reak featured a pair of upsets over a strong Stoughton High team, a ass "A" entry in the Tournament.

The Athletic banquet, inaugurated last year, will be an annual fair when awards in all varsity sports will be made. Varsity letters n basketball are awarded on the basis of participation in at least ie half the seasons' games. In baseball, the student must play at east three innings in more than half the varsity games. No student hall be awarded more than one sweater during his school career. The tudent council shall raise money for these awards.

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Charlotte MacTighe was chosen D.A.R. representative from the class of 1945. Although the Boston conference was cancelled because of transportation difficultics, the girls chosen from the Brockton distric' njoyed a luncheon at the Bryant Hotel and later received their D.A.R. ins at the monthly meeting of the Deborah Sampson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

The girls at H.H.S. are finding it rather difficult to s cure d t s 'or their Annual Spring Dance sponsored by the Girls' League. West Bridgewater is 'mighty low' on man power, but there's that old saying, 'Where ther's a will, there's a way."

The latest spring fasion is on parade in the high school, where nearly every student is wearing a sweat shirt! Shocking blue letters announce that "they're from Howard."

Accompanied by Miss Mary Seitz, teacher of household arts, a group of five girls spent an interesting day in Boston shortly before Easter. They visited the famous Glass flower exhibit in Cambridge, and were particularly attracted by another exhibit which represented the prom of civilization through the ages. At one of the larger Boston banks, they were shown some intricately made old iron banks. Adding a modern note to the excursion, the party viewed the eight beautiful murals in the New England Mutual Life Insurance Buildings. Boston common would not be neglected, and the girls fed the pigeons and squirrels liberally. A pause for refreshments and the recovery of aching feet followed. Th day was fittingly ended by attending service at historic King's Chapel.

Arrr! Are those wolves we hear? Howard Seminary is in once again for its last semester. Incidentally, we learn from the papers that most American girls prefer a man who has a tinge of the wolf to one who is too perfect a gentleman.

After repeated postponements due to the tremendous overcrowding of the school social calendar (do you think we're kidding?) the first HHS Game night will be held at the Town Hall on April 20.

These last Spring days have been enlivened by the ringing of the fire drill bell. We are using the fire escapes this year. If you remember the jump in Room 6 to the fire escape platform, you will understand why the pupils leap out shouting "Geronimo".

Regular academic classes have been most envious of the gym classes which meet out doors during the good weather.

Florence Murray was the winner of the annual Founder's Day Essay contest. The subject was "Our New England Heritage."

The seniors chose maroon as the color for their caps and gowns and the white rose as the flower.

Many of the boys are sporting tanned faces even this early in th season, due to a combination of the unusually warm weather and baseb l practice. Every pleasant afternoon, before school, and at lunch time the baseballs are out. Coach Ward has still to name his starting te

The Juniors and Seniors are grateful to the owners of the Canoe Club for permission to use it for the Prom and Recep tion even though it will not be opened to the public this summer. The week before the Prom will see the Juniors setting forth armed with brooms, mops, brus

"D I D Y O U K N O W"

The Matfield School has finally obtained the telephone it has long needed. Now Miss Ward won't have to run to the neighbors like a housewife who wants to borrow a cup of sugar.

The engagement of Miss Beverly Wheeler and Robert Woodward has been announced.

Doris Morse is now Mrs. Edward Bradbury. She will make her home in West Somerville.

Remember when you used to come home with a pail of pollywog eggs? Well, other young people have taken over. All one sees now is spots.

If you could see across the world to West Bridgewater a familiar spring scene would greet you for most of the Townspeople are now either working in their gardens or mowing their lawns. Also you would see the victory farmers and farmerettes pausing in their early spring work to talk over the back fence to other Victory farmers.

Muriel Carlson formerly Muriel Clark was chosen "Miss National Fireworks" at a recent Ball of Hanover Fireworks Co.

In a beautiful ceremony performed at St. Ann's Church, Jenny Silva became the bride of Boyd Cambell, a veteran of two years overseas service with the Seventh Army.

Another recent wedding was that of Bernice Shipman to EM 2/c Wilfred P. Hanson. Bernice will make her home with her parents for the duration.

Marjorie and Marilyn Thayer have both joined the ranks of gals wearing a sparkler on the appropriate finger. Marilyn is employed in the credit Department of Gilchrist's in Brockton.

"S E R V I C E M E N ' S N O T E S"

Cpl. C. Cassiani writes from Belgium.

Lucille Cogswell, H.A. 2/c writes from the Embassy Hotel, N.Y. that she would like to hear from HHS '41 service mates.

Pfc. Walter Fischer has covered a lot of ground and is now in Germany.

Sgt. Madan sends his greetings from the Mariannas.

Kenneth Fischer SC 1/c is stationed on a Relief Lightship on the Atlantic Coast.

Pvt. Tony Barros writes from Belgium and he has not met any home buddies yet and this is his seventh year in the Army.

Bill Noyes has been moved back to India. He writes that he and several of his gang have a 1939 DeLuxe Master Chevrolet which was abandoned by the Japs. They have fitted in a 1936 transmittion. He says outside of a few bullet holes it is O.K. and better than riding in a truck.

Jesse Morse has been promoted to T/Sgt. and his brother Robert is a S 2/c.

Pvt. Irving L.E. Steffen, Jr. writes, while on pass in Lawton, Okla. he met James Reid of Jerusalem section who has been transferred to Fort Sill for training. Pvt. Steffen is in a Radio Unit of the Field Artillery, at Fort Sill, Okla.

Alfred Gamboa left for the Army Air Corps, March 10.

G. M. 2/c George Holyoke, during a twenty-day leave from the Navy was married in a simple ceremoney to Miss Caroline Cox of Sidney Mines, Canada.

Cpl. Clarence R. Cobbett, is stationed in the Netherlands East Indies, serving as a cook in an airfield operations unit of the 13th A.A.F. Service Command.

S 2/c Phyllis E. Pearson is now stationed at the Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department, Washington D.C. She is one of the few working in our Capitol who are comfortably housed, living at W.A.V.E. Quarters.

Pvt. John Buckley of the A.A.C. was recently transferred from Keesl Field, Miss. to Amarilla, Texas, where he is studying to be a gunner.

Ens. Irene Johnson, U.S.N.N.C. who is stationed in Florida sent a huge orchid for Easter to her mother Mrs. Samuel Johnson.

"Bob" Keith is now stationed at Camp Beale, Calif. At present he is at the base hospital there. His wife, the former Shirley Snell, is staying with the Keith family at Monterey, Calif.

Marine Pvt. Joe Green writes that he took part in the historical battle of Iwo Jima.

S/Sgt. Lloyd Allen, stationed in a hospital at Leyte, writes that while treating a patient for wounds, he found that he was caring for another West

Bridgewater Boy, S/Sgt. Anthony Silva. Introductions were soon made and "just another patient" received extra care from then on.

"Bill" Brown has been promoted to T/Sgt. He is with Gen. Patton's 3rd Army in Germany.

S/Sgt. Phillip L. Bruce, is one of the "Keep em flyin" personnel commened by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle for teamwork with the 357th Fighter Group Pilots, who had an outstanding record in a single afternoon near Berlin.

George Twomey, has enlisted in the U. S. Navy and reported for duty.

Clifton Rockwell, Jr., has been promoted to S 1/c radarman and is stationed somewhere in the Pacific. "Rocky" is a '44 graduate.

Faelton Perkins is now with an Engineer Bn. in Burma. Wish we could give you that chance you want. Thanks for the letter.

Charlie Burroughs writes the Chap. Spears of Cochesett visited him on the island on his way home.

Howard Lodge News

Howard Lodge is still doing business in their old stamping ground at the Town Hall with Thomas Carnes as Chancellor Commander for this year. Out of the 18 boys in the service, 3 of them are back again, they are Arthur Read, Raymond "Bugsie" Keith and George Wetterberg. Chaplain Spears came home on furlough a short time ago after spending many months overseas. I heard that Whitney Lothrop and Jeep Miner had a short visit together somewhere in England. So much for you boys, now for some news about Howard Lodge.

We are still just as active as ever taking in new members, this season has netted us 6 and last year we took in 14. In January we had a joint Installation with the Pythian Sisters and our deputy "Brad"Robinson did a grand job. On February 16 & 17 we staged a minstrel show, directed by "Pete" Lambert. The show was a huge success and from comments here and there, it was the best ever.

The endman are getting to be quite professional in their line, plent of zip to their jokes and some music in their throats, Merrill Caswell. Casey to you, singing "Susie", was received with much applause, even tho' he almost lost his pants. Tom Carnes' end song "Are you from Dixie" was sung with gusto. Arthur Read, our own Frank Sinatra, sung "Caroline in the Morning". Frank Burque, singing "Anything is nice if it comes from Dixieland". Now Frank really has a nice voice it he doesn't ruin it do at the Gas Station. His fast work was exceptionally well done even tho he has added a few inches to his waistline.

Charlie Hill sung his song "Steppin Around" with much vim and vigor, and of course "Pete" Lambert in "You'll find Old Dixie Land in France", brought the house down. Of course the rest of the cast, Interlocutor, Accompanist, Chorus and Specialities made it a fine performance.

Our next big event was Feb. 22 when we hold our 50th Anniversary, which was a real bang up good time from start to finish. Charles Andrews headed by a Boston Troupe, turkey banquet with all the fixins and dancing with Weygrands Orchestra. At this celebration, Life Membership cards to our Charter Members, six in all, were presented. The high light of the evening was the impromptu singing by the endmen of our Minstrel Show and anyoneelse desiring to break forth with what talent they had.

During March things went as usual except the 29th when we worked the rank of Knight on 3 Candidates from Brockton.

With this issue we welcome a newcomer to the staff of your Newslett Ralph Frellick, who was recently elected to the Board of Selectmen. He joins us with his sincere, cooperative spirit and we are all glad to have hime with us.

Once again it's time to say goodbye till our next issue---but don't for we're with you in spirit, watching your every success, urging you to greater victories, and praying that the day of your return to us is very near.

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